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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Ryuichi MORISHITA, Toshio OGIHARA, Toshikazu  
NAKAMURA, Tetsuya TOMITA, Takahiro and OCHI  
MEDICAMENT COMPRISING HGF GENE  
Assignee: MedGene Bioscience, Inc.  
Our Ref: Q75927

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/660,522 (Confirmation No. 6581) filed September 12, 2000, which is a continuation application of 09/029,497 (U. S. Patent No. 6,248,722), filed February 26, 1998, which is a 371 of PCT/JP96/02359 filed August 22, 1996, of Ryuichi MORISHITA, Toshio OGIHARA, Toshikazu NAKAMURA, Toshikazu, Tetsuya TOMITA and Takahiro OCHI entitled MEDICAMENT COMPRISING HGF GENE

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a copy of the original specification as filed in the parent application, including the claims and abstract, 10 sheets of drawings, a copy of the Declaration as filed with the original specification, a copy of the Assignment and PTO Form 1559, an Information Disclosure Statement, and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior applications, an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.197 and 1.98, Communication from a Foreign Patent Office, PTO/SB/08 A & B and two references.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1636.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a continuation of Application No. 09/660,522, filed September 12, 2000, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/029,497 filed, February 26, 1998, which is a 371 of PCT/JP96/02359 filed August 22, 1996, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith. Also being submitted herewith is a substitute specification, and a marked-up copy of the original specification showing the changes that were made in the substitute specification.

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Priority is claimed from:

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The priority documents were filed in the grandparent Application No. 09/029,497.

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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